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Sl.No.	Details of Proposal	Length in Kms.
1.	Bagodra-Wataman-Tarapur Borsad-Padra Karjan Road	131
2.	Extension of NH-8A from Kandla to Narayan Sarover via Mandvi-Jakhau-Nalia	205
3.	Extension of Dhule-Surat-NH-6 upto Hajira	20
4.	Jetpur-Junagarh-Veraval-somnath Road	130
5.	Rajkot-Jamnagar-Vadinar Road	150
6.	Snamlaji-Modasa-Godhra-Halol-Rajpipala Vapi eastern state highway No. 5	505
7.	Sarkhej-Sanand-Virmagam-Malvan-Dhrangadhra-Halvad-Maliya- S.H.No. 7 & 17 joining NH-8C near Ahmedabad and NH-8A near Maliva.	186.75
8.	Link Road from Palanpur on NH-14 to Gandhinagar-Ahmedabad NH. No. 8	150
9.	Mehsana-Chanasma-Radhanpur	165
10.	S.H.No. 14 joining Rajkot-Morvi NH-8A & 8B Extension upto Naviakhi Port	109
11.	Vadodara-Por-Sinor-Netrang-Vyara-Ahwa-Satpura-Nasik road linking NH-8 with NH-6	245
12.	Extension of NH-15 to Bhuj-Khavada-India Bridge Dharamshala upto India Border.	170
13.	Balin-Jamnagar-Ohka-Porbandar-Viraval-Diu-Bhavnagar-Karja near Vadodara & linking with NH-8	—
	SUB-TOTAL	2166.8

Strike by dock workers at Chennai and Tuticorin Ports

135. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to solve the grievances of dock workers who went on flash strike at Chennai and Tuticorin ports recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) recently there were no flash strikes by dock workers at Chennai and Tuticorin ports.

(b) and (c) do not arise.

Development of National Waterways-II

136. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes initiated to make NW-II all weather navigable during Eighth and Ninth Plans and achievements made so far;

(b) the sector-wise progress made for construction of river ports, storage facilities, approach roads and jetties in the National Waterways-II.

(c) the programmes finalised towards development of Water Transport in the North-East during Ninth Plan, allocation made and traget fixed;

(d) the details of dredging operation being carried out location-wise, in different sector of the Brahamaputra channel; and

(e) the number of various category of posts lying vacant in North-East since when and time by which these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Regular river conservancy works such as bandalling and channal marking have been carried out during 8th and 9th plan for maintaining navigable depth in Dhubri-Dibrugarh sector. One Hydraulic Surface Dredger is being constructed for NW-2 which will supplement bandalling in maintaining the navigable depth. In the current year the river conservancy works are being extended up to Sadiya.

(b) Floating terminals/jetties have been provided at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Pandu, Tezpur and Neamati at locations which have connections with roads. Transit sheds are available at Pandu. In addition floating pontoons are under construction for provision of floating jetties at Sadiya and Saikhowa.

(c) The programmes include provision of infrastructural facilities on NW-2 such as floating terminals and permanent intermodal terminals at selected locations, 24 hrs. navigational aids, river conservancy works including bandalling, channel marking, Procurement of Hardware for dredging, survey vessels, tugs, survey equipment, polution control activities etc. Implementation of these works will however be subject to availability of resources.

Further, Techno-Economic feasibility study has been completed for Kraimganj- Lakhimpur stretch of river Barak. Its declaration as National Waterway and subsequent development will however depend on availability of funds.

(d) At present the navigable depth is being maintained by Bandalling alone. For dredging in Barahmaputra, one Hydaulic Surface Dredger is under consideration which on development will supplement the bandalling for maintenance of navigable depth.

(e) Against 33 sanctioned posts of various caegories, 8 posts are lying vacant since 16.12.1994. these posts are to be filled up on the acceptance of recommendation made by Staff Inspection Unit.

Conversion of Sharkhej-Maliya highway into National Highway

137. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal for conversion of Sharkhej-Sanand Viramgam-Malvan-Dhrengad-Halvad- Maliya State Highway No. 7 and 17 joining NH No. 8A near Ahmedabad and NH No. 8A near Maliya into National Highway;

(b) if so, the present status of the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government for conversion of the State Highway into National Highway; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by what time these State Highways would be declared as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal could not be accepted for declaration as new national highway due to inter-se priority of other proposal received from various State Governments and paucity of funds.

Corporatisation of Ports

138. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to corporatise three ports, namely Ennore, Jawaharlal Nehru PT and Haldia; and

(b) if so, what are the objectives of corporatising these ports; and what is meant by corporatisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Only in-principle decision has been taken to set up a corporate structure for Ennore Port, which is under construction and yet to be declared as a Major Port and to corporatise the Major Ports in stages starting with JNPT and